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SUBJECT: THE 2004 SYMPOSIUM ON EAST ASIA SECURITY
(SEAS 03): MAY 24-JUNE 18, 2004

REF: USCINCPAC 19210Z

POST NOMINATES REAR ADMIRAL NALDALAL THUDUWEWATTE,
COMMANDER NORTHERN NAVAL AREA, SRI LANKA NAVY, FOR
PARTICIPATION IN SEAS 2004 PROGRAM. NOMINEE'S BIO DATA
FOLLOWS:

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[1A.](#) CLASSIFICATION OF VISITOR: PRINCIPAL CANDIDATE
FOR SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM.

[1B.](#) NAME IN FULL: CHERRY NANDALAL "THUDUWEWATTE"

[1C.](#) SEX: MALE.

[1D.](#) DOB: MAY 21, 1952, POB: COLOMBO, SRI LANKA.

[1E.](#) NATIONALITY: SRI LANKAN.

[1F.](#) NOMINATION FORWARDED TO: USPACOM PUBLIC
ADVISOR-SUSAN STAHL/PROGRAM ASSISTANT-CANDICE
MATSUNAGA.

[1G.](#) PRESENT POSITION: COMMANDER NORTHERN NAVAL AREA, SRI
LANKA NAVY, SINCE .

[1H.](#) PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

COMMANDANT, NAVAL AND MARITIME ACADEMY, 1993-95; DEPUTY
AREA COMMANDER (NORTH), 1996-97; DIRECTOR, PERSONNEL
AND TRAINING, NAVY HEAD QUARTERS (NHQ), 1997-98;
DIRECTOR NAVAL OPERATIONS, NHQ, 1998-2001; COMMANDER,
WESTERN NAVAL AREA, 2001-02 - ALL THESE APPOINTMENTS IN
SRI LANKA NAVY. (DATE OF COMMISSION AUGUST 01, 1975).

[1I.](#) LANGUAGES: NATIVE LANGUAGE: SINHALA.

- ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: VERY GOOD.

- OTHER LANGUAGES: NONE.

[1J.](#) ESCORT: AS PROVIDED FOR THE SYMPOSIUM.

[1K.](#) POST OBJECTIVES FOR NOMINATING:

REAR ADMIRAL THUDUWEWATTE HAS SERVED THE NAVY FOR THE
PAST 28 YEARS. AS A SENIOR NAVAL OFFICER, HE HAS
SERVED IN MANY BRANCHES UNDER THE SRI LANKA NAVY. DUE
TO HIS DEDICATION HE HAS HAD RAPID PROMOTIONS TO BE A
REAR ADMIRAL AND ALSO HOLDING VERY RESPONSIBLE
POSITIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT REAR ADMIRAL
THUDUWEWATTE MIGHT SOME DAY BE NAMED CHIEF OF NAVY.

FOR THE U.S., PROVIDING SUCH A SENIOR SRI LANKAN
DEFENCE/MILITARY OFFICER WITH DIRECT EXPOSURE TO U.S.

MILITARY OPERATIONS AND DEFENSE POSTURE IN THE ASIA-
PACIFIC REGION WOULD DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE MPP GOAL OF
IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POLICIES AND THEIR
UNDERLYING CONTEXT. THE KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED THROUGH THE
SEAS PROGRAM WILL BE DIRECTLY APPLICABLE IN HIS DUTIES
AND ALSO HELP THE U.S./SRI LANKA JOINT MILITARY
COOPERATION PROGRAMS. REAR ADMIRAL THUDUWEWATTE'S
NOMINATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO POST BY THE SECRETARY
TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE.

[1L.](#) PREVIOUS TRAVEL TO U.S.: NONE.

ATTENDED ASIA PACIFIC CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES
COURSE 1/2001 IN HONOLULU, HAWAII; ATTENDED 12-DAY
"14TH INTERNATIONAL SEA POWER SYMPOSIUM" IN RHODE
ISLAND IN 1997.

[1M.](#) MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED.

[1N.](#) MAILING ADDRESS:

OFFICE ADDRESS: NAVAL HEADQUARTERS, P.O. BOX. 593,
COLOMBO, SRI LANKA. TEL: (94-11) 242-1151

HOME ADDRESS: 205a, KAMATHAWATTA ROAD, MEDAWELIKADA,
RAJAGIRIYA, SRI LANKA. TEL: (94-11) 286-8284

[1O.](#) OTHER TRAVEL ABROAD:

EGYPT - 1996 - 10 DAYS - INSPECTION OF SECURITY
EQUIPMENT; THAILAND - 1998 - TO ATTEND ASIAN GAMES
1998; ISREAL - 1999 - 10 DAYS - INSPECTION OF

SECURITY EQUIPMENT; INDIA - 1999 - FOUR DAYS - FOR
OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIAN NAVY; RUSSIA - 1999 -
16 DAYS - INSPECTION OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT; ISREAL -
2000 - ONE WEEK - INSPECTION OF SECURITY EQUIPMENT;
AUSTRALIA - 2000 - TO ATTEND SYDNEY OLYMPICS 2000;
INDIA - 2000 - ONE WEEK - FOR OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH
INDIAN NAVY; U.K. - 2003 - TWO WEEKS - HOLIDAY.

1P. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING:
MSC IN DEFENCE STUDIES, DEFENCE SERVICE STAFF COLLEGE,
INDIA, 1989;
ADVANCE COURSE IN "LAW OF ARMED CONFLICTS," CONDUCTED
BY INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON RED CROSS, SANREMO, ITALY
AND GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, 1993; SECURITY STUDIES
EXECUTIVE COURSE AT APCSS, HONOLULU, HAWAII, 2001;
ADVANCE COURSE IN NATIONAL SECURITY AND STRATEGIC
STUDIES, NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE, INDIA, 2002.

1Q. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND PUBLICATIONS:
MEMBER OF NAUTICAL INSTITUTE OF SRI LANKA.
1R. MEDICAL, PHYSICAL, DIETARY OR OTHER PERSONAL
CONSIDERATIONS: NONE.

13. PLEASE ADVISE ACCEPTANCE OF THIS NOMINATION.

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